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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 4328

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJ: PETROLEUM CUTBACKS

REF SINGAPORE 4327

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. ESSO SINGAPORE GENERAL MANAGER (COUCH) GAVE US
ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON PETROLEUM CUTBACKS TODAY AS
FOLLOWS: FOLLOWING EXXON HEADQUARTERS INSTRUCTION,
COUCH MET WITH GSO FINANCE PERMSEC NGIAM (CHAIRMAN
INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM SUPPLY)
NOV. 6 TO INFORM HIM THAT 35 PERCENT CUTBACK OF CRUDE TO EXXON
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FROM ARAMCO WOULD PROBABLY MEAN 5 TO 10 PERCENT REDUCTION IN

CRUDE SUPPLIES TO ESSO SINGAPORE REFINERY. GOS ASKED IF ESSO SINGAPORE NOW SHIPPING TO EMBARGOED DESTINATIONS. COUCH SIDESTEPED QUESTION BUT NGIAM MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOS DID NOT WANT SHIPMENTS TO EMBARGOED DESTINATIONS. SAID " DID NOT WANT SINGAPORE TO BE ANOTHER ROTTERDAM".

2. GOUCH SAID EXXON TOLD DEFENSE FUEL SUPPLY AGENCY NOV. 7 THAT SAUDI GUIDELINES WOULD PRECLUDE EXXON SUPPLYING US OR OFFICIAL USG CONTRACTS FROM SAUDI SOURCES. HE SAID EXXON GAVE SAUDIS FULL DETAILS OF QUANTITIES SUPPLIED TO ALL CUSTOMERS FROM WORLDWIDE REFINERY NETWORK. SUBSEQUENTLY, EXXON HEADQUARTERS INSTRUCTED COUCH TO FOLLOW GOS GUIDELINES. ON THURSDAY HIS OFFICE INFORMED US NAVAL OFFICE HERE OF INABILITY BUNKER USN SHIPS.

3. ESSO SINGAPORE, IN APPARENT EFFORT TO HONOR DFSA CONTRACTS, SUGGESTED TO GOS IT MIGHT SUPPLY USN, ECT. FROM NON-RESTRICTED SOURCES (OIL FROM IRAN, INDONESIA). GOS (NGIAM) VETOED IDEA AS "NOT IN INTEREST OF SINGAPORE OR EXXON". NGIAM REPORTEDLY TOLD COUCH THAT SINGAPORE WANTED "TO CHANGE ITS IMAGE TO ONE THAT APPEARS TO SUPPORT ARAB POSITION".

4. ESSO EXPECTS REFINERIES WILL RECEIVE OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS (BASIS FOR FORCE MAJEURE) NOT TO SUPPLY ARAB

EMBARGOED DESTINATIONS AT INDUSRTY-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED BY GOS SATURDAY 10 AM LOCAL TIME.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AMBASSADOR SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER ON OTHER MATTERS AT 3 PM SINGAPORE TIME SATURDAY. IF DEPT. WISHES RAISE SUBJECT AT THAT TIME, PLEASE INSTRUCT ASAP.
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